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To: MLPAComments
Subject:

Please see attached letter.

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The California Fish and Game Commission

Subject: The Marine protected area - north-central coast

To Whom it May Concern:

My ancestors settled in the Bodega area in 1851, after a failed effort to hit a fortune in the Gold Rush. Several of them later built summer homes on the coast, that are still in the family. My grandparents, parents, wife and I, children and grandchildren have loved the region, savoring and exploring the magnificently diversified natural setting and its history. Sadly, we have come to witness the threat to and the diminished capacity of our sea world to rejuvenate in the wake of mankind's greed and exploitation.

For the reasons mentioned above, I ask that you support the network of marine protected areas for the North-Central Coast Region of the Marine Life Protection Act, and ask that you approve this next significant underwater preserve.

From all that I have read and understand, this chain of preserves receive the highest praise from scientists, including local residents, fishermen, and conservationists. Fully protected marine reserves can assure more and bigger fish, and a greater diversity. The resultant health of the coast will result in a more secure, sustainable future, and a stronger economy for both local communities, our state, and our nation.

As a senior citizen, I have personally observed the decline of coastal sea life, from prolific hordes to limited takes, and now a cancelled season for King salmon. Please give California the strongest possible legacy of ocean protection. I speak for my entire family.

Sincerely,

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